

Remarks

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action dated Aug. 31, 2004, claims 27 and 53 are corrected, claim 1, 27, 53 are amended, no new matter added in the claims.

Claim 1, 29, 47, 50, 53, 55, and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilson.

Claim 1 is recited a self watering tray for a regular plant pot, the tray has at least one strip extending up wardly from the walls of the tray either side wall or bottom wall, or between the side wall and bottom wall wall for supporting a regular plant pot, each of the at least one strip separate from each other, the at least one strip made enough space for reserving fluid in the tray. The shape of the strip may be vary.

Wilson discloses "A lattice framework of four plastic injection moulded strips 7 slotted together and located in the bottom of the tray acts as a support for" (line 15-17, page 3) and " Each lattice framework,comprises four strips 7....." (line 32 -33, page 3). Clearly, Wilson discloses: at least one lattice framework which comprised by 4 strips for support a plant pot, each of the at least one lattice framework separated from each other. Wilson never disclosed or claimed that each of the at least one strip separate from each other. Obviously, claim 1 of the present invention is patentable over Wilson, other claims are dependent claims of claim 1, also patentable over Wilson.

Claim 53 recited a self watering tray with at least one leg, the at least one leg having at least three wings, they are formed into one piece. Wilson discloses: " of

four plastic injection moulded strips 7 slotted together.....". Clearly, claim 53 is different with the "leg" which Wilson disclosed. Obviously, claim 53 is patentable over Wilson, claims 55 and 56 are dependent claims of claim 53, also patentable over Wilson.

Claim 1, 47, 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lucas.

Lucas discloses a pot 2 formed by a plate 1 into two part: up part with the plate 1 hold a plant, and low part of the pot 2 holds water. Lucas does not discloses at least one strip for supporting a pot. Clearly, Lucas' apparatus is different with the tray which claim 1 claimed. Obviously, claim 1 is patentable over Lucas, claims 47 and 48 are dependent claims of claim 1, also patentable.

Claims 27 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rajon.

Claim 27 recited a leg for support a pot having two sections, the low section has a closed side wall (# 60 in Fig. 5A). Rajon discloses the low section made by F's and does not closed the side wall (between the F's). Obviously, Examiner's rejection is not persuasive.

Claim 27, 45, and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Travers.

Claim 27 recited a leg coupled to a tray, the up section of the leg formed upwardly from the low section, they are in one piece. Travers discloses the up section and low section are in two pieces, the up section 26 stands on the tray, then passes through a hole which disposed on the low section 18 that clearly shown in Fig. 3

and 5. Clearly, travers' leg device is not the same with the leg claimed in claim 27. Obviously, claim 27 is patentable over Travers, claims 45, and 52 are dependent claims of claim 27, also patentable over Travers.

therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims patentably distinguishes over the cited references.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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